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Team members report to new supervisors on Oct. 11

During the weeks since Marshall Center Director David King announced new Center managers, those managers have been working to staff their respective organizations. Leadership teams for each organization are now in place and staffing plans are being finalized.

Employees affected by the realignment should begin receiving e-mail invitations next week to an All Hands meeting in the organization to which they will be assigned. These All Hands meetings will take place the week of Oct. 4. During the All Hands meeting, the organization director will discuss the

new organization's chart and charter, and roles and responsibilities.

In anticipation that NASA Headquarters will approve the new organization structure, the Center will begin operating informally under the new structure on Oct. 11 and employees should report to their new supervisors on that date. Until then, all employees should continue reporting to their current supervisor. Questions may be addressed to designated Human Resources Department representatives.

During October, the Human Resources Department will work with the new organization managers to finalize the specific actions necessary to officially

implement the realignment, such as classifying new position descriptions and establishing new organization codes.

Officially assigning employees to their new organizations will be done over a two-month period beginning in late October. The target date for completing the processing of all official personnel actions related to the realignment is mid-December.

In June, NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe announced a transformation of NASA's organization structure to streamline the Agency and position it to better implement the Vision for Space Exploration. The Marshall Center responded by strategically aligning its operations.



Photo by Doug Stoffer, Marshall Center

Marshall Center Director David King submits his Combined Federal Campaign pledge. For the first time, Marshall employees will be able to submit their electronic pledges -- both cash and payroll deductions -- through WebTads.

Marshall kicks off Combined Federal Campaign Tuesday

The 2004 Combined Federal Campaign kicks off at Marshall at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Morris Auditorium. This year's campaign theme is "You Are Not Alone," with a goal of \$550,000 by Nov. 12.

Two agencies that receive assistance from the campaign will be featured at the kickoff celebration -- Harris Home for Children, celebrating its 50th anniversary, and Hospice Family Care, celebrating its 25th anniversary serving the Madison County area.

Robert J. Richardson, president of Harris Home, and Debra T. Chandler, Hospice executive director, will speak. The award-winning Bob Jones High School Varsity Cheerleaders, and Tommy L. Thompson and Walter W. Robinson of the jazz

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group Abstract, will provide entertainment.

Harris Home for Children is a non-profit organization licensed by the State of Alabama as a foster family and child placing agency. Richardson has served as its president since 1997.

Hospice Family Care assists terminally ill patients and their families. Chandler has been executive director since 2000. She is a certified hospice nurse and started working with Hospice in 1996.

Other events scheduled in connection with the Combined Federal Campaign include:

- An Agency Fair is set for Sept. 30 in Bldg. 4316 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 35 agencies are scheduled to attend. Refreshments and door prizes will be available and bus service will be provided.
- Bus tours are scheduled Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 1, 5, 6 and 7. This year's tour sites include the Huntsville Botanical Gardens,

American Red Cross, Burritt Museum, Hospice Family Care, Huntsville Land Trust, Harris Home for Children, Care Assurance System for Aging and Homebound, Blount Hospitality House, Huntsville Hospital, and United Cerebral Palsy

- Community Service Days are Oct. 12 to Nov. 12. More than 600 volunteer opportunities are available. Fourteen agencies will participate this year. They include Huntsville Hospital, Christmas Charities, Salvation Army, The Arc, Girl Scouts, Technology Assistance for Special Consumers, and the Downtown Rescue Mission.

All federal employees, current and retired, and on-site contractors are welcome to give to the campaign and participate in any of the activities. Marshall employees can now submit their pledges using WebTads. For more information and to sign up for the bus tours and community service days go to <http://cfc.msfc.nasa.gov>.



Richardson

'Star' Gazing

From the Marshall History and Archives Files

Forty years ago today, on Sept. 23, 1964, the *Marshall Star* reported that a Douglas Aircraft Co. study recommended 1979-1981 as the earliest, most practical time for the launch of a six-person rocket to Mars.

The *Star* also reported that investment in the space program already was bringing "manifold returns in safety innovations." One innovation was the invention of rechargeable batteries that "require no maintenance, not even the occasional addition of water." These batteries could be used to revolutionize the modern kitchen by allowing cordless appliances, which would reduce the risk of electric shock. Solar cells for satellites, along with rechargeable batteries, also were being tested for use on freeway emergency call boxes so stranded motorists could receive help more quickly.

Obituaries

Ethel Starnes Apostolos, 90, formerly of Huntsville, died Aug. 19. Mrs. Apostolos retired from the Marshall Center in 1985 after working as a secretary.

Survivors include her daughter, Della Renne of Harriman, Tenn.; a sister, Clara Hicks of Anniston; and a brother, Hiram J. Starnes of Bessemer.



Photo by Terry Leibold, Marshall Center

A Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation

Luis Trevino, left, and Elia Ordonez, right, watch as Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer signs a proclamation recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month, which is observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. President George Bush and NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe also released statements honoring Hispanic Americans for their contributions.

Willard C. Fersch, 84, of Huntsville, died Aug. 15. Mr. Fersch retired from the Marshall Center in 1977 after working as a contract specialist.

Survivors include his wife, Helen F. Fersch; children, Jeffrey M. Fersch of Huntsville and Linda D. Dunn of Alvin, Texas.

Marshall Family Fun Day has something for everyone

Marshall Center's Family Fun Day and Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marshall Picnic grounds. The event is for civil servants, contractors, retirees and their families.

A 5K run at 8 a.m. gets the festivities started, followed by a children's parade at 9:45 a.m. at the picnic grounds.

One-price tickets provide access to unlimited food, games, entertainment exhibits, displays and concessions. Tickets will be redeemed for wristbands at ticket booths set up at the picnic

grounds. Tickets are \$8 for children ages 4 to 12 and \$12 for ages 13 and older until Friday. After Friday, ticket prices will increase.

Once inside the picnic grounds, register to win door prizes that will be given away between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

To register a vehicle in the car show, call Lou Nosenzo at 544-7401. To register for the 5K run, call Bill Mayo at 544-7564. Tickets are available from administrative officers, the Internal Relations and Communications Department in Bldg. 4200, Room 101, or the Space Shop in Bldg. 4203. For more information, call 544-0632 or 544-1382.

Schedule of Events

8 a.m. 5K Fun Run

9:45 a.m. Children's Parade

Games, entertainment, fun and unlimited food and concessions available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children's Stage

10:10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

"Be at Your Best" with Mark Seymour

11:20 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

"Quite a Catch" with Ron Anglin

12:15 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Singing with Joe McCary

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Russell Davis magic show

Main Stage

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Voodoo Dogz

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Abstract

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wild Ride

Door prizes awarded throughout the event.

Games and Entertainment

- **Children's Midway Crafts** - Crafts for children to complete and keep!

- Sun Catchers

- Sun Visor

- **Tattoo Parlor**

- **Kiddie Midways**

- **Peanuts and Elephant**

- **Tiger Jungle Adventure**

- **Pre-School Playground** - Designed for the pre-school and early school-age crowd. This colorful inflated play area is a one-of-a-kind entertainment place. This attraction is designed with a sunscreen top to protect young ones from the sun. Ages 6 and under.

- **Moon Walk**

- **Triple-Play Speed Cage** - Test your scoring ability.

- *Speed Pitch*

- *Soccer Speed Kick*

- *NFL Quarterback*

- **Golf Driving**

- **"Jaws" Great White Giant Slide**

- **Midway Games**

- **Two BINGO** Booths for adults and one booth for teenagers. Limited to two cards per person.

- **Hoop Shot**

- One for ages 10 and under

- One for adults

- **Rock Climbing Wall**

- **Trackless Train** - Ring the bell and blow the whistle! The trackless train can carry up to 20 children and adults around the children's area.

- **Micro-Reality Racing**

- **Clowns**

Food and Concessions

- Hot dogs/Corn dogs (Premium all beef)

- Hamburgers (Premium seasoned 1/3 pound patties)

- Veggie burgers

- Chicken breast fillets (Boneless, skinless fillets)

Side Items:

- Baked beans

- Potato salad

Condiment Assortment:

Lettuce, tomato, pickle, onions, chili, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salt and pepper

Chips - Frito-Lay chips

Concessions:

- Cotton candy - A variety of flavors
- Sno Cones - Four flavors to choose from: cherry, lime, grape, orange

- Popcorn

- Ice cream - A variety of five novelty items: Fudge bars, Nutty bars, Ice cream sandwiches, chocolate covered vanilla ice cream bars, push-ups

- Nachos - Chips are served with melted cheese

- Funnel cakes

- Bottled water and Coke products

Beer: Two beer booths will be on-site to serve Budweiser products. The cost is \$1 for a 12 oz. cup. This is a cash transaction and is not included in ticket price.

Be prepared to show identification.

Announcements

Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15-Oct. 15

Marshall Center activities for this year's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration include an art show in the lobby of Bldg. 4203 and the annual Hispanic Youth Conference and luncheon. Mexican artist Tomas Gondi will display his work from Oct. 1 -15. Also on Oct. 15, Project Mi Futuro will present the Hispanic Youth Conference aimed at motivating and inspiring Alabama's Hispanic high school students to continue their education and attend college. The Marshall Center and Stillman College in Tuscaloosa are sponsors of the conference. For more information, call Jose Matienzo at 544-1545.

Patton bridge, Martin Road eastbound lanes closed

Two eastbound lanes of Martin Road are closed until mid-October during repairs on the Patton Road Bridge overpass. Motorists should exercise caution in the area and/or seek alternate routes. For more information, see "Inside Marshall."

Nobel Laureate to speak at Alabama A&M University Oct. 8

Dr. Herbert Kroemer, a 2000 physics Nobel prize winner, will speak at the Seventh Annual Putcha Venkateswarlu Memorial Lecture at 3 p.m., Oct. 8 in the Drake Learning Resource Center at Alabama A&M University. Kroemer's topic is "Semiconductor Heterostructures: From Physics to Devices and Back." For more information, call Glenda Edwards at 372-8138.

Shuttle Buddies to meet Monday

The Shuttle Buddies will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at Mullins Restaurant on Andrew Jackson Way in Huntsville. For more information, call Deemer Self at 881-7757.

Marshall-sponsored reliability meeting will be Oct. 4-6

The fall meeting of the Society of Mobility Engineers -- Reliability, Maintainability, Supportability and Logistics Division -- and Probabilistic Methods Committee is Oct. 4-6 at the Huntsville Hilton. The meeting will provide industry, government and academia a forum to review RMSL technologies, reliability-based design methods, software reliability, and more. Rex Geveden, Marshall Center deputy director, will speak. For more information or to register, go to <https://shop.sae.org/misc/regforms/g-11.shtml>

Deadline for ordering Saturn V license plate is January

Alabama residents interested in purchasing a Saturn V license plate for a vehicle still have time to register for one by going to their county Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division office. A "Commitment to Purchase" form must be filled out. The license plate costs an extra \$50. The state will only issue the distinctive license plate if 1,000 applications are received before January.

Cycle and walk for the Combined Federal Campaign

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host its second annual "CFC Cycle and Walk for a Cause Campaign." The ride or walk will start at 8 a.m. Oct. 16 at Kent Johnston Park on Mountain Gap Road. Ride or walk as many miles as you wish. To sign up, call Yazmine Gerousis at 895-1830 or Todd Watts at 895-1868.

Mandatory motorcycle safety training is Sept. 30

A safety training course for motorcyclists who drive on Redstone Arsenal is set for 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 30 behind Rocket Harley Davidson in Madison. Civil service employees should register through the Safety Health and Environmental Web site. Contractors should call Georgann Crump at 544-6525 for registration information.

Redstone Reunion is Sept. 30-Oct. 1

This year's Redstone Reunion will be held Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 in Titusville, Fla. It is being sponsored by the U.S. Space Walk of Fame, NASA, Kennedy Space Center and Delaware North. Tours and other social events are planned. The cost is \$40. Everyone who participated in the Redstone programs is invited. Call Karen Conklin or Jamye Flowers Coplin at 321-264-0434 for more information.

Development director Seabrook to speak at Association event

Craig Seabrook, Marshall Center's newly appointed business development director, will speak at the Marshall Association Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Marshall Center Activities Building. Seabrook will discuss his approach and vision for the Business Development Office. The luncheon cost is \$8 and is payable at the door. For more information, call Roslin Hicks at 544-7795.

Team members needed for the breast center 5K race or walk

A NASA-Space Transportation Team for the Liz Hurley Ribbon Run is forming. The 5K run or walk is set for Oct. 16 and proceeds from the event will provide diagnostic equipment for the Huntsville Hospital Breast Center and continuing education for the center's staff. Team member cost is \$10 per person. Entry deadline is Tuesday. For more information, call Bennie Jacks at 544-7848.

2004 Marshall Center equipment inventory begins Oct. 4

An inventory of items bearing a NASA Equipment Management System barcode tag begins Oct. 4. The inventory will be conducted by EG&G and UNITEs contract employees. All items with the NASA barcode should be made available for scanning by the inventory teams. For more information, call Meta Latham at 544-4975.

Classified Ads

MISCELLANEOUS

Antique Jacobsen greens reel mower, 2HP, two stroke, refurbished, runs but doesn't mow. 256-348-4899

Time Life books, 59 Volumes, Guide to the Natural World & Great Ages of Man. 536-0427

Solid Kincaid Cherry 3-piece entertainment center, 6'Hx8'W, \$1,200. 828-0756

Triple dresser, \$175;; computer desk, \$50; wood table, \$25; office desk, \$25; range, \$75. 256-534-0939

MTD lawn mower, 46", 18HP, B&S I/C motor, rear transaxle needs repair/replacement, \$135. 683-9364

Two cream loveseats, \$50 each; glass table w/white base, 42", \$75; full mattress set, \$50. 971-9710

AKC Registered miniature Schnauzer puppies, vet checked, parents on premises, 4 females, \$400 each. 256-420-8884

Two toddler car seats, \$15 each; toddler bed frame, mattress & mattress cover, \$30. 829-1062

Electric guitar w/padded case, practice amplifier, cord and tuner, \$350. 652-3809

Queen mattress, box spring, & frame, \$130; Sears Lifestyler exercise equipment, \$100; Power-rider, \$40. 256-722-8570

Seagull M6 acoustic guitar w/hard case, Fishman piezo pickup, LRBags preamp, 3- yrs. old, \$375. 256-859-4148

Complete twin bed w/frame, 2 yrs. old, \$100. 828-8360

Shih-tzu puppy, 11-month old, house broken, all shots, \$100. 256-773-0068 after 5 p.m.

2003 Starcraft 19.5', antique expandable

trailer, fully loaded, many accessories, \$15,900. 883-1830

Two passenger children's battery powered jeep, \$65. 256-723-4983

Leather Targus laptop bag, black, Velcro and zippered pockets, shoulder strap, \$10. 837-8490

Barbie bicycle, 16" w/helmet, pads & training wheels, \$20. 722-2190

300 lb. weight set w/bench, \$75. 256-762-8493

Taurus PT908 compact 9mm handgun, \$275. 723-4103

2000 PSE Carroll Intruder hunting bow, let-off 60, draw length 29-30", \$150. 830-0889

Riding mower, 11HP, 36", \$285; three-piece 18V cordless tool kit, new, \$50. 852-6952

Childrens clothes, mostly fall/winter, from 3 mos-4T, sized and on hangers. 722-0286

VEHICLES

1989 Ford Taurus, needs work, \$600. 828-5246

1992 Buick LaSabre, loaded, 200k miles, \$1,595. 256-586-8664

1997 Cavalier mobile home, to be moved, 16x80, 3-bedrooms, 2-baths, stove, refrigerator, heat/air, \$17,500. 256-776-5095

1997 Saturn SL1, 4-door, 5-speed, 90k miles, keyless entry w/alarm, \$2,975. 256-572-1867

2003 GMC extended cab, low miles, under warranty, loaded, 4.3, automatic, \$13,200. 837-1774

2003 Chevy Z71 LT extended cab, white, leather, 4wd, cd, keyless entry, OnStar, warranty, \$26,900. 864-9920

1997 Isuzu Rodeo, 93k miles, \$4,500. 755-6002

2000 Mitsubishi Montero Sport Limited, 87k miles, 3k oil changes w/records, \$12,300. 256-796-6600

1993 Chevy Tahoe Blazer, gray, auto/cruise, ac/pw/pl, 104k miles. 520-2802/Ron

1999 SunKing deckboat, 22', 175hp Mercury, trolling motor, Icd fish finder, dry storage, \$10,500. 256-461-8271

1990 Camaro RS w/350TPI, interior needs work, motor needs tuned, \$2,500. 931-762-5846

1975 Terry camper, 24', sleeps six, \$2,200. 679-0694

1993 Lexus SC300, maintenance records, 113k miles, all options, \$9,250. 655-2922

1986 Fiero, v6, 140k miles, new tires, \$1,200. 256-586-3909/Haislip

1999 Chrysler Town & Country Limited, white, one-owner, loaded, 99k miles, \$9,300. 828-2462

2001 Honda Valkyrie Interstate, black, CB radio, Baker AirWings, driver backrest, 22k miles. 233-8498

1999 Mercedes ML320 SUV, white w/tan leather, Sky-view top, heated seats, new Michelins, AWD, \$17,900. 653-1401

John Deere Model 1018 rotary cutter, 10' wide w/pull type hitch, \$4,200. 653-1401

1984 Challenger fish and ski boat, 18', Evinrude motor & trailer, trolling motor, \$2,500. 256-776-2687

WANTED

To trade Classic Blue Longaberger pottery for Classic red or green. 651-1531

Someone to finish making three quilts, have tops only. 776-2563

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